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BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL
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(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1235)

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing an upland game bird study advisory committee,
2 establishing the deer study advisory committee, and providing
3 an immediate effective date.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. UPLAND GAME BIRD STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE. An
1 2 upland game bird study advisory committee is established for
1 3 the purpose of studying the best ways to restore sustainable
1 4 and socially acceptable populations of pheasants and quail in
1 5 the state to maximize the economic value of upland game bird
1 6 hunting to Iowa's economy while balancing the needs of the
1 7 agricultural industry.
1 8 1. The advisory committee shall be composed of the
1 9 following members:
1 10 a. One representative from each of the following
1 11 organizations or entities who, if possible, is involved with
1 12 policy decisions for that organization or entity, to be
1 13 appointed by the governor:
1 14 (1) Iowa association of county conservation boards.
1 15 (2) Iowa farm bureau federation.
1 16 (3) Iowa farmers union.
1 17 (4) Iowa conservation alliance.
1 18 (5) Pheasants forever.
1 19 (6) Quails forever.
1 20 (7) Iowa hospitality association.
1 21 (8) Izaak Walton league.
1 22 (9) Iowa realtors association.
1 23 (10) The department of transportation.
1 24 (11) Iowa chapter of the sierra club.
1 25 (12) Iowa sportsmen's federation.
1 26 (13) Outdoor writer's association.
1 27 (14) A person who represents a farm land management
1 28 company.
1 29 (15) Two persons who are farmers, one who farms in
1 30 northern Iowa and one who farms in southern Iowa.
1 31 (16) Two persons who hunt upland game birds, one who
1 32 resides in northern Iowa and one who resides in southern Iowa.
1 33 b. Two legislative staff members, one from the staff of
1 34 United States Senator Tom Harkin and one from the staff of
1 35 United States Senator Charles Grassley, or their designees.
2 1 c. The director of the department of natural resources, or
2 2 a designee.
2 3 d. The secretary of agriculture, or a designee.
2 4 e. The director of the department of economic development,
2 5 or a designee.
2 6 f. A representative of the United States fish and wildlife
2 7 service.
2 8 g. The executive director of the farm service agency, or a
2 9 designee.
2 10 i. A member of the state soil conservation committee, or a
2 11 designee.
2 12 j. A representative of the Iowa state university fisheries
2 13 and wildlife cooperative unit.
2 14 k. Two members of the senate, one of whom is appointed by

2 15 the majority leader of the senate and one of whom is appointed
2 16 by the minority leader of the senate.

2 17 1. Two members of the house of representatives, one of
2 18 whom is appointed by the speaker of the house of
2 19 representatives and one of whom is appointed by the minority
2 20 leader of the house of representatives.

2 21 2. The director of the department of natural resources or
2 22 the director's designee shall serve as the chairperson of the
2 23 advisory committee.

2 24 3. Legislative members of the committee are eligible for
2 25 per diem and reimbursement of actual expenses as provided in
2 26 section 2.10.

2 27 4. The committee shall review, analyze, and make
2 28 recommendations on issues relating to the state's upland game
2 29 bird population, including but not limited to the following:

2 30 a. The current status of Iowa's upland game bird
2 31 populations and harvest and habitat management programs.

2 32 b. Current farm programs and their impact on upland game
2 33 bird populations.

2 34 c. The economic impact and value of Iowa's upland game
2 35 bird populations to Iowa.

3 1 d. Upland game bird population challenges and programs in
3 2 other midwestern states.

3 3 e. New and innovative ways to restore sustainable
3 4 populations of Iowa's upland game birds.

3 5 f. An assessment of public opinion concerning the impact
3 6 and value of Iowa's upland game bird populations.

3 7 5. The advisory committee shall complete its deliberations
3 8 in December 2009 and submit a final report to the governor and
3 9 the general assembly summarizing the committee's activities,
3 10 analyzing the issues studied, and including any other
3 11 information or recommendations that the committee deems
3 12 relevant and necessary by January 10, 2010. Copies of the
3 13 final report shall be sent to the national resource
3 14 conservation service, the United States fish and wildlife
3 15 service, and to members of Iowa's congressional delegation.

3 16 Sec. 2. DEER STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The deer study
3 17 advisory committee, as enacted by 2008 Iowa Acts, chapter
3 18 1037, section 4, shall be reestablished for the purpose of
3 19 continuing to study the best way to maintain a sustainable,
3 20 socially acceptable deer population in the state while
3 21 maximizing and balancing the economic value of deer hunting to
3 22 Iowa's economy with the needs of the agricultural industry and
3 23 public safety concerns.

3 24 1. The advisory committee shall be composed of the
3 25 following members:

3 26 a. One representative from each of the following
3 27 organizations or entities, to be appointed by the governor:

3 28 (1) Iowa association of county conservation boards.

3 29 (2) Iowa farm bureau federation.

3 30 (3) Iowa farmers union.

3 31 (4) Iowa conservation alliance.

3 32 (5) Iowa bow hunters association.

3 33 (6) Whitetails unlimited.

3 34 (7) Iowa hospitality association.

3 35 (8) Professional guides and outfitters.

4 1 (9) Iowa meat processors association.

4 2 (10) Iowa league of cities.

4 3 (11) The department of transportation.

4 4 (12) Iowa woodland owners association.

4 5 (13) Iowa insurance institute.

4 6 (14) Iowa realtors association.

4 7 (15) Iowa chapter of the sierra club.

4 8 (16) Iowa environmental council.

4 9 (17) Iowa nursery and landscape association.

4 10 (18) Friends of Iowa landowners and sportsmen.

4 11 b. The director of the department of natural resources or
4 12 a designee.

4 13 c. The secretary of agriculture or a designee.

4 14 d. The director of the department of economic development
4 15 or a designee.

4 16 e. Two members of the senate, one of whom is appointed by
4 17 the majority leader of the senate and one of whom is appointed
4 18 by the minority leader of the senate.

4 19 f. Two members of the house of representatives, one of
4 20 whom is appointed by the speaker of the house of
4 21 representatives and one of whom is appointed by the minority
4 22 leader of the house of representatives.

4 23 2. The director of the department of natural resources or
4 24 the director's designee shall serve as the chairperson of the
4 25 advisory committee.

4 26 3. Legislative members of the committee are eligible for
4 27 per diem and reimbursement of actual expenses as provided in
4 28 section 2.10.

4 29 4. The committee shall review, analyze, and make
4 30 recommendations on issues relating to the state's deer
4 31 population and will determine which, if any, of the
4 32 recommendations contained in the January 10, 2009, final
4 33 report of the committee require further consideration.

4 34 5. The advisory committee shall complete its deliberations
4 35 in December 2009 and submit a final report to the governor and
5 1 the general assembly summarizing the committee's activities,
5 2 analyzing the issues studied, and including any other
5 3 information or recommendations that the committee deems
5 4 relevant and necessary by January 10, 2010.

5 5 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act, being deemed of
5 6 immediate importance, takes effect upon enactment.

5 7 EXPLANATION

5 8 This bill establishes an upland game bird study advisory
5 9 committee for the purpose of studying the best ways to restore
5 10 a sustainable and socially acceptable population of pheasants
5 11 and quail in the state to maximize the economic value of
5 12 upland game bird hunting to Iowa's economy while balancing the
5 13 needs of the agricultural industry.

5 14 The committee is composed of members representing specified
5 15 organizations, entities, and interests appointed by the
5 16 governor, as well as the director of the department of natural
5 17 resources, the secretary of agriculture, and the director of
5 18 the department of economic development, or their designees.
5 19 The committee membership also includes legislative staff
5 20 members of United States Senators Harkin and Grassley or their
5 21 designees, and four members of the general assembly.

5 22 The committee is directed to review, analyze, and make
5 23 recommendations on issues relating to the state's upland game
5 24 bird population, complete its deliberations in December 2009,
5 25 and submit a final report to the governor and the general
5 26 assembly by January 10, 2010. Copies of the final report are
5 27 to be sent to the national resource conservation service, the
5 28 United States fish and wildlife service, and to members of
5 29 Iowa's congressional delegation.

5 30 The bill also reestablishes the deer study advisory
5 31 committee, as enacted in 2008, for the purpose of continuing
5 32 to study the best way to maintain a sustainable, socially
5 33 acceptable deer population in the state while maximizing and
5 34 balancing the economic value of deer hunting to Iowa's economy
5 35 with the needs of the agricultural industry and public safety
6 1 concerns. The committee is composed of the same members
6 2 representing specified organizations, entities, and interests
6 3 appointed that were on the council in 2008 except that the
6 4 Iowa restaurant association is no longer represented and
6 5 representatives of professional guides and outfitters and
6 6 friends of Iowa landowners and sportsmen are now included.

6 7 The deer study advisory committee is charged with
6 8 reviewing, analyzing, and making recommendations on issues
6 9 relating to the state's deer population and determining which,
6 10 if any, of the recommendations contained in the January 10,
6 11 2009, final report of the committee require further
6 12 consideration. The committee shall complete its deliberations
6 13 in December 2009 and submit a final report to the governor and
6 14 the general assembly by January 10, 2010.

6 15 The bill takes effect upon enactment.

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